

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, under "field of the invention", before "this invention", **insert----**

This application claims benefit of U. S. Provisional Application No. 60/495,915, filed August 18, 2003, and U. S. Provisional Application No. 60/451,193, filed February 28, 2003----.

CLAIMS:

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Yongzhi Yang on 1/4/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 25, line 2, before " cells " , **insert----** dermal papilla----.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the art cited in the final rejection or the art cited in 1449 submitted after final rejection do not teach or fairly suggest the claimed method of increasing DNA synthesis or method for stimulating hair growth using creatine in an amount ranging from about 0.25mM to about 1mM.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT whose telephone number is 571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30: 1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, EYLER YVONNE (BONNIE) can be reached on 571-272-0871. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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